

Contribution of environment factors to the temperature distribution according to different resolution levels

Test in a small area of Svalbard

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Objectives

Climate is organized hierarchically according to scale levels

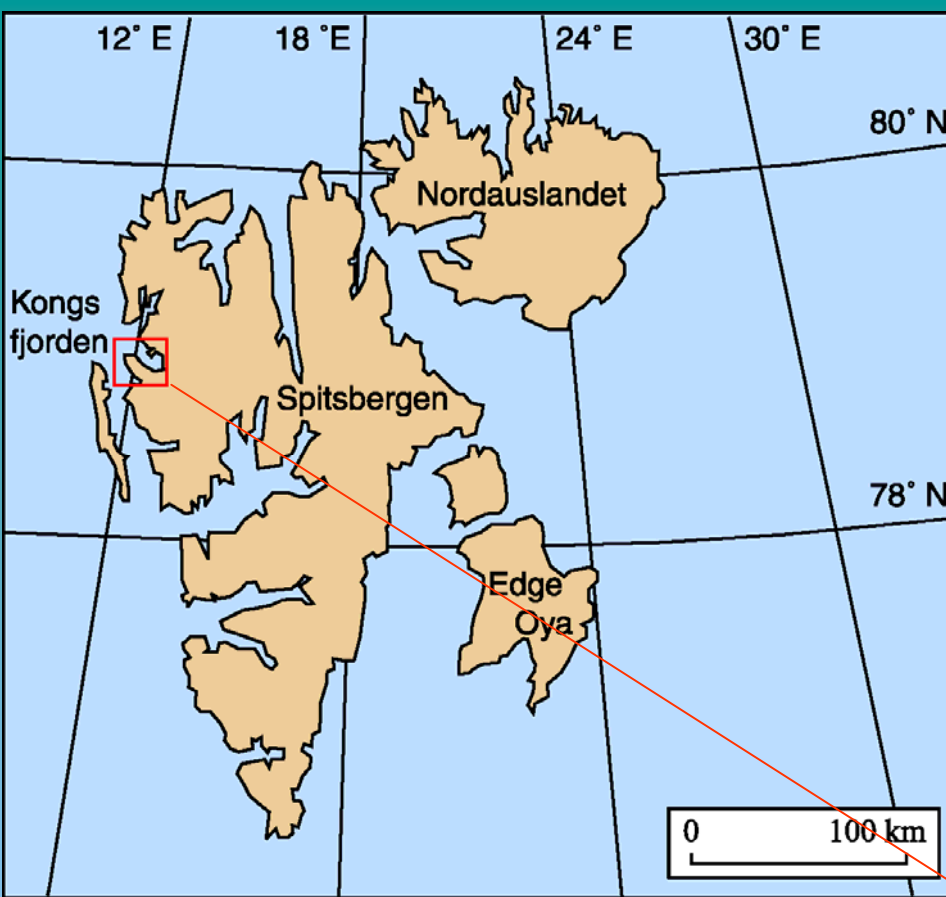
Temperature, one major climate element in the Arctic, depends on scale levels of landscape structures

The objective is to identify the scale level for which the contribution of topography and land cover to temperature spatial variation is the highest

Organisation of the presentation

- 1. Study area
- 2. Data sets:
 - Temperature measurements
 - Remote sensed data
 - DTM
- 3. Method
- 4. Results

1. Study area localisation



Svalbard archipelago



Kongsfjorden area

Study area and localisation of the 53 loggers

Fjord



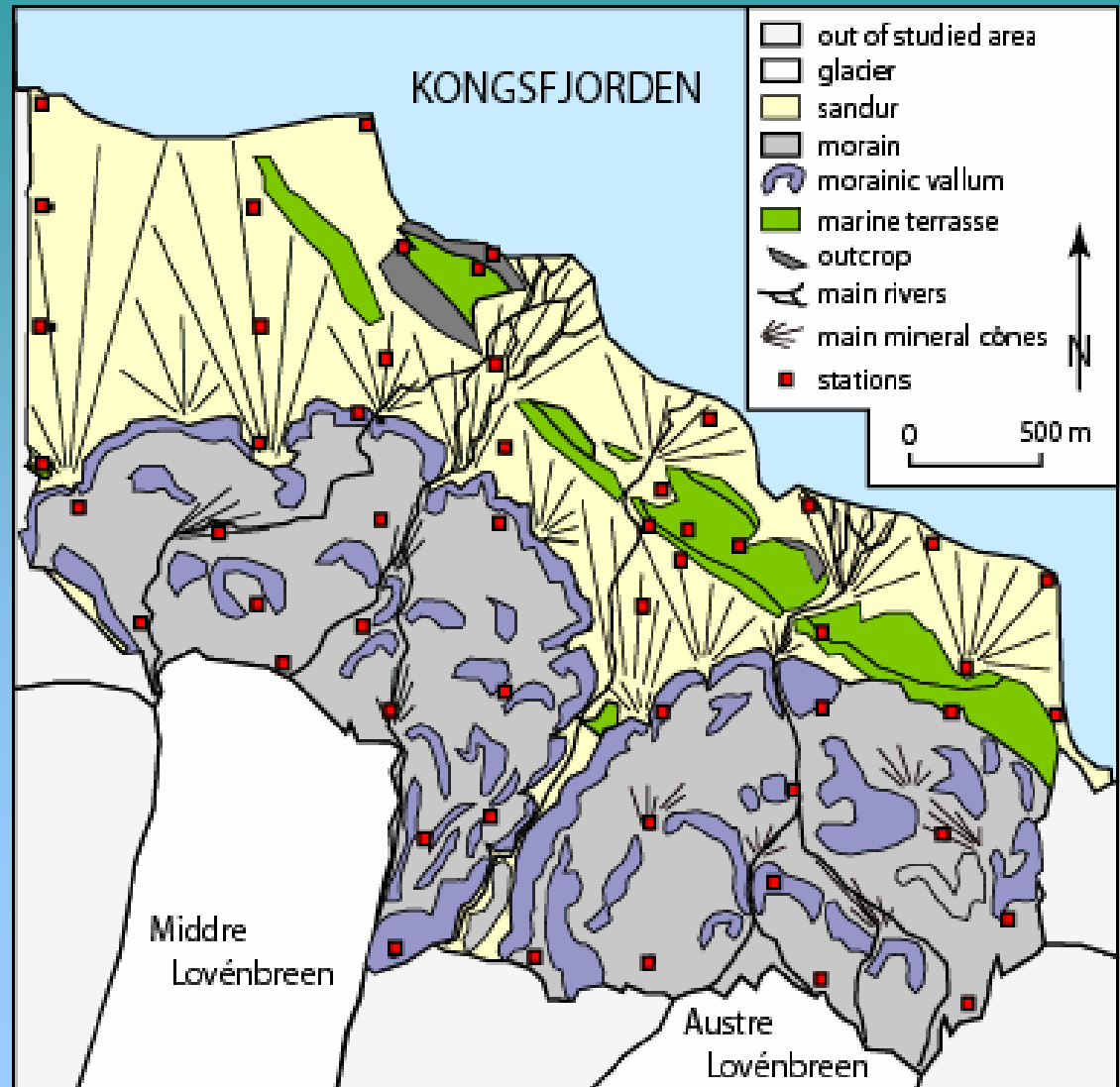
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amphitheater



Mountain with
two glaciers



Data set 1

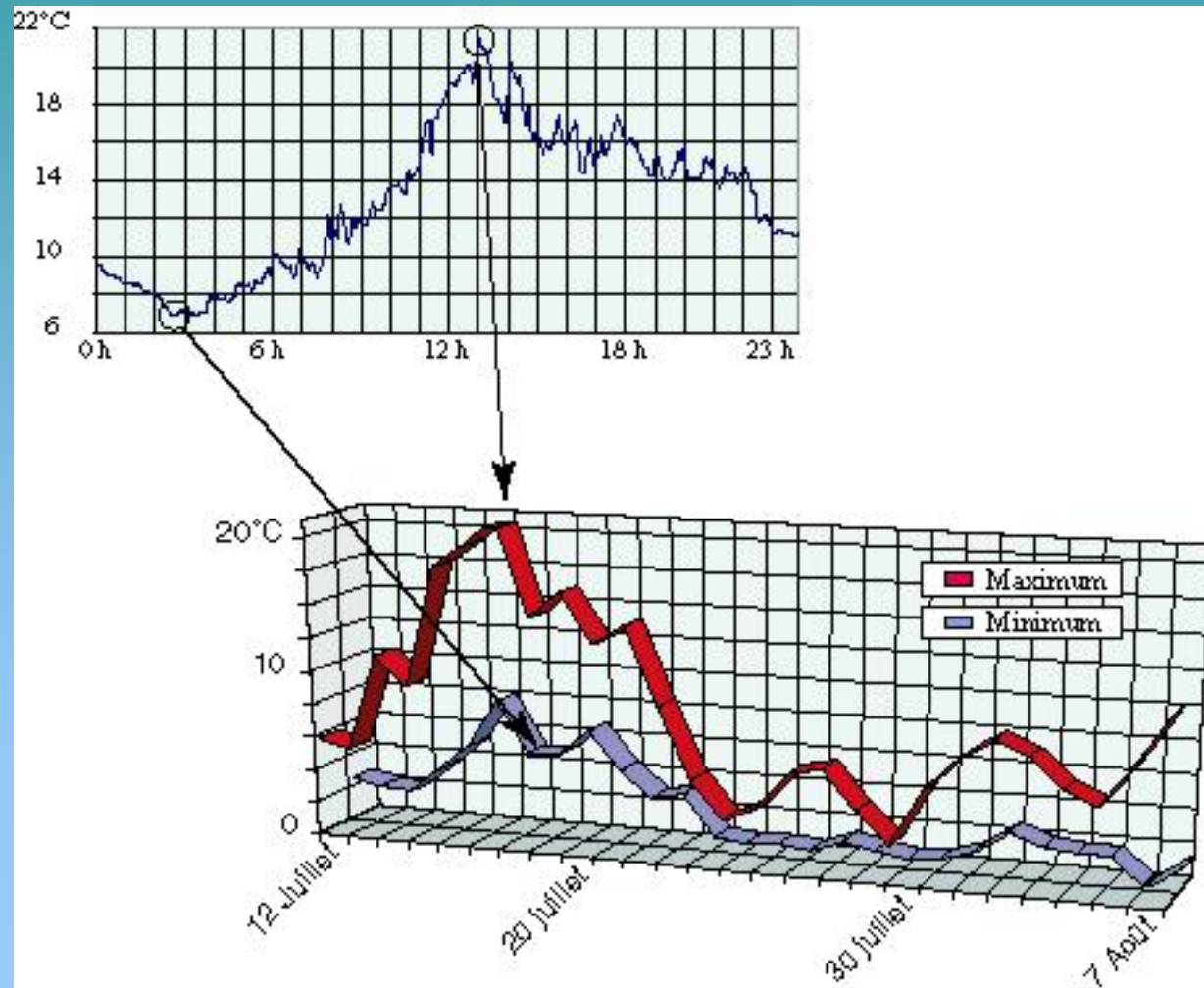
53 temperature loggers

- Type: HOBO
- Located at 20 cm above the ground



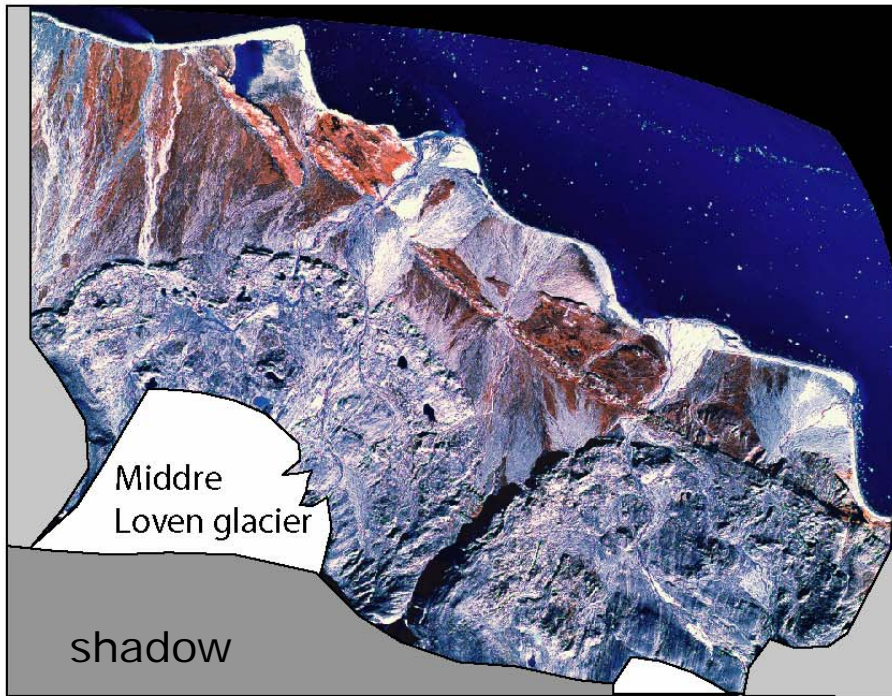
Temperature records

- Record once every 6 minutes from 12th of July until 7 of August 1999 (27 days)
- Daily minima are extracted from the records



Data set 2

Remote sensed images



2 m primary data

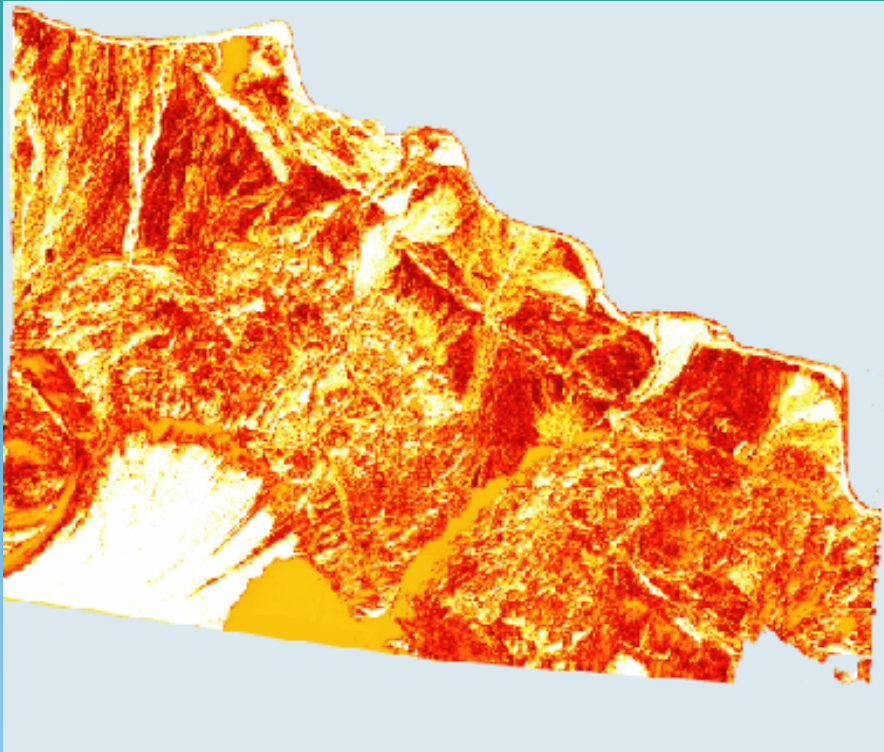
a scanned infrared
aerial photography



20 m primary data

SPOT image

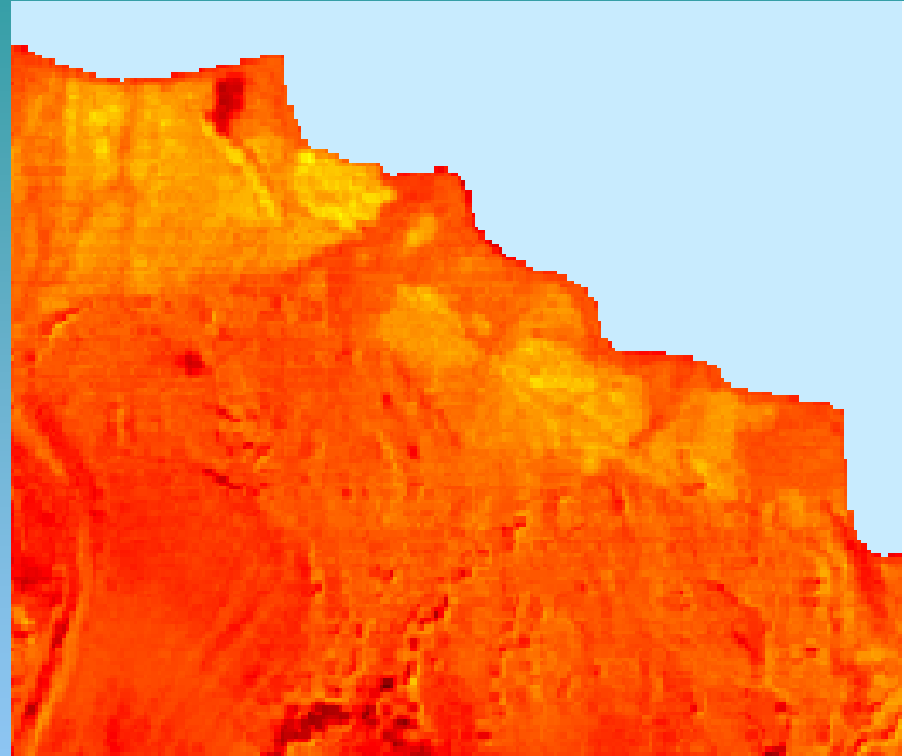
Derived data from remote sensed data



2 m primary data

PVI

(Probability to belong
a 100% Vegetated area Index)

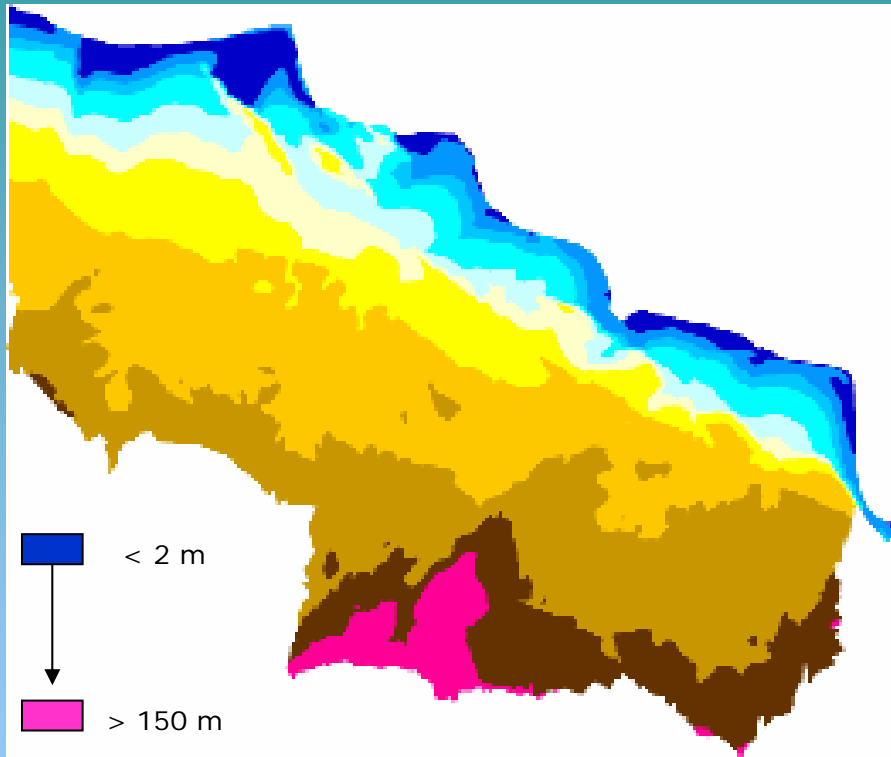


20 m primary data

NDVI

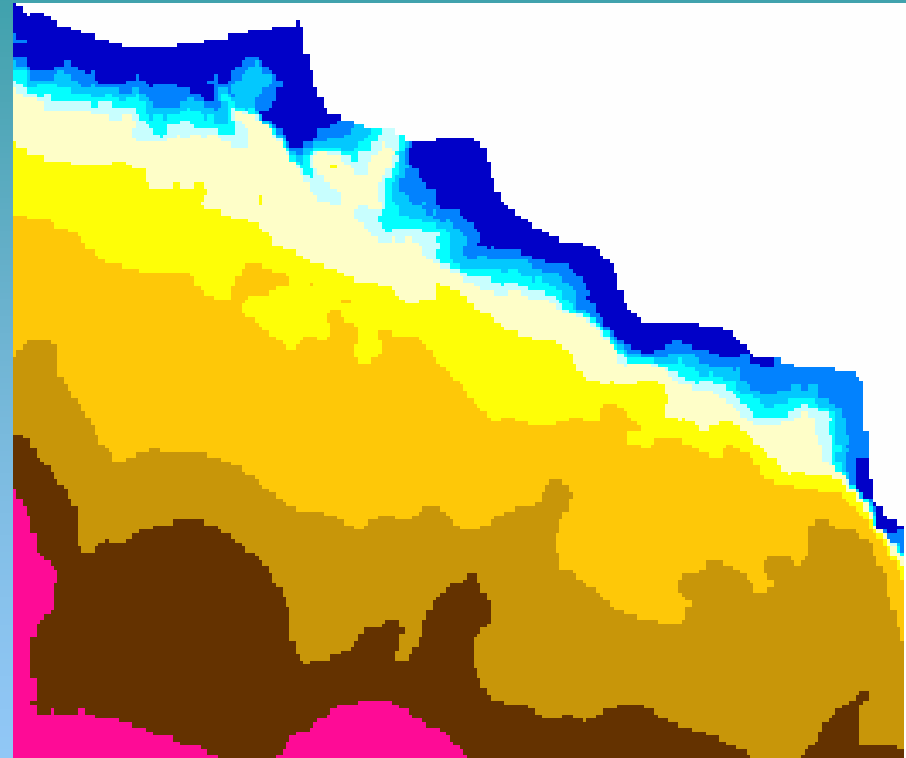
Data set 3

Digital elevation model



2 m

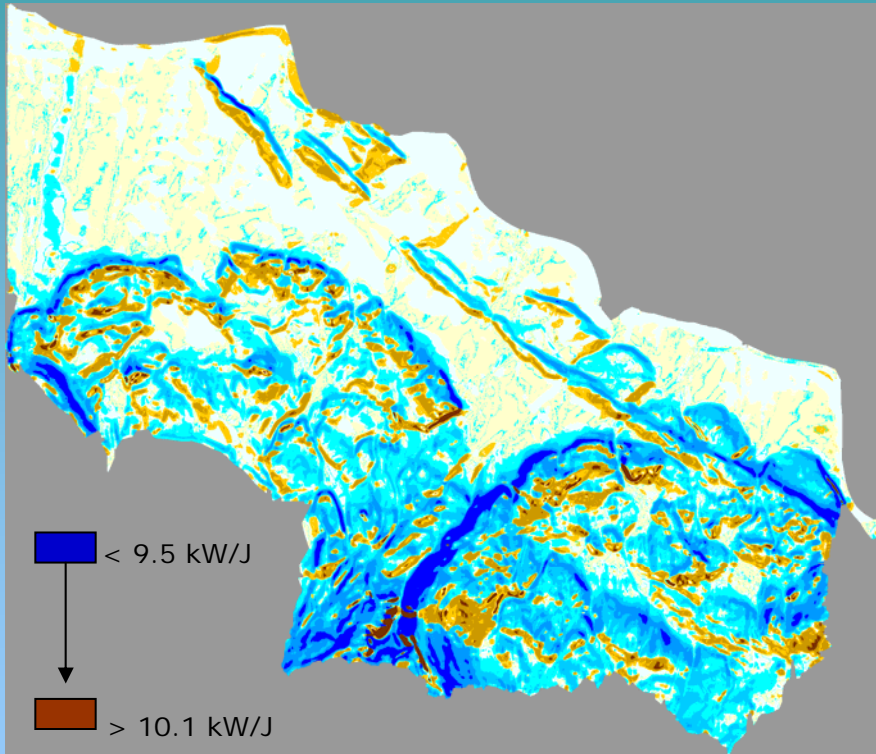
a GPS DEM



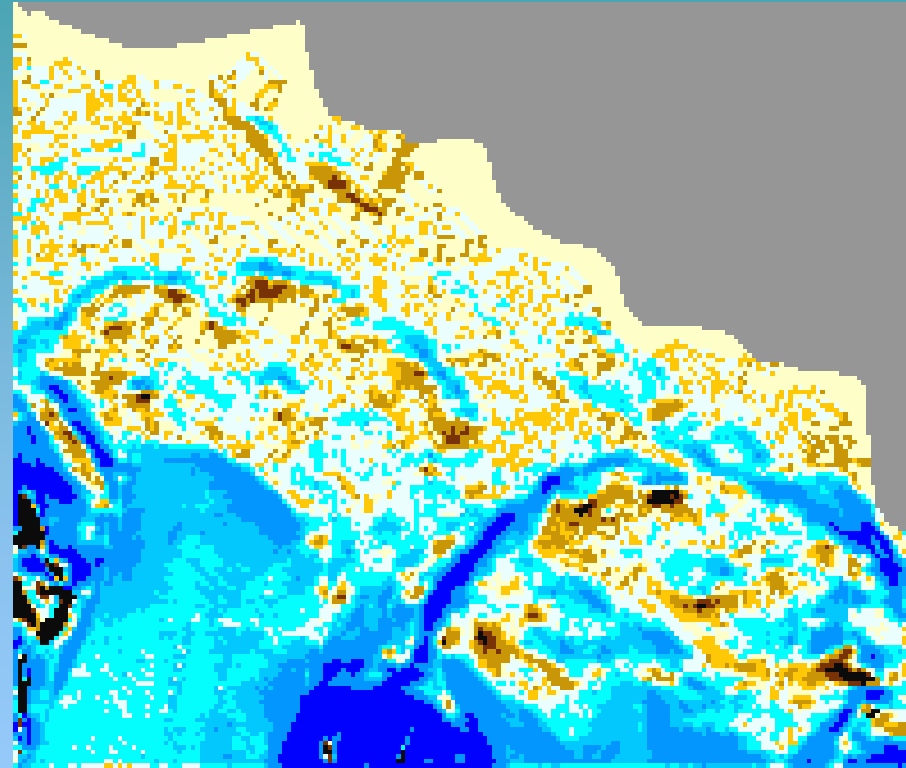
20 m

Norsk PolarInstitut DEM

Derived data from DEM: Solar energy



2 m primary data



20 m primary data

3. Method

Procedure of windowing

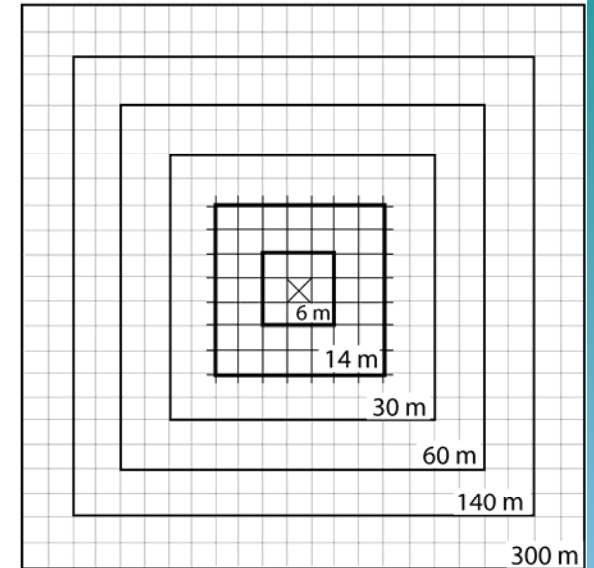
From the 2 m primary database,
6 subsests
(6 m square to 300 m square windows)
are derived

From the 20 m primary database,
3 subsests
(60 m square to 300 m square windows)
are derived

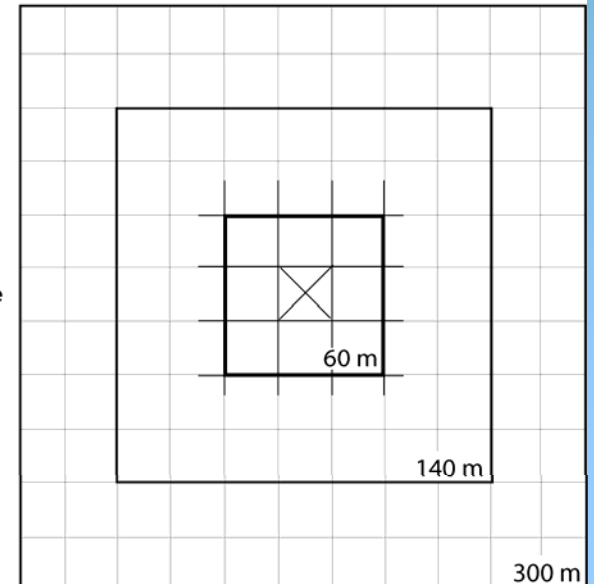
Primary bases

Windowing

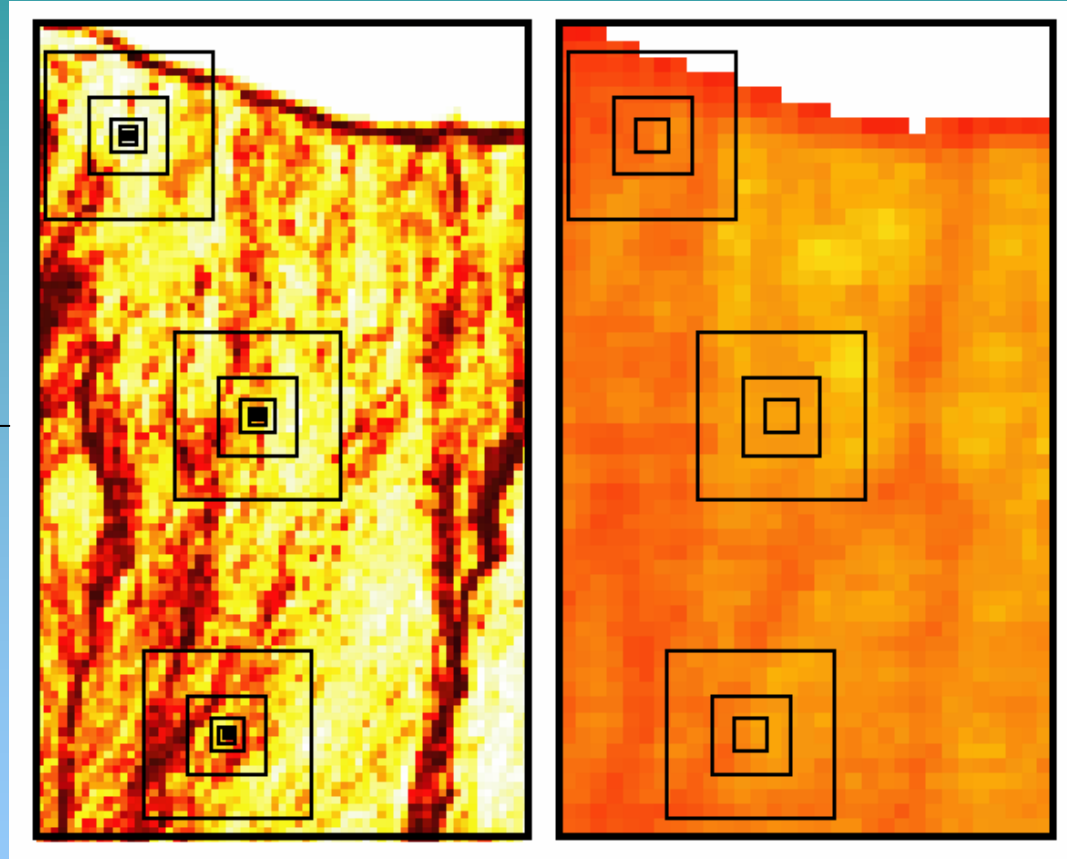
2 m primary base



20 m primary base



Windowing is applied on the derived files



2 m primary data

20 m primary data

6 VPI values are provided
(one for each window)

3 NDVI values are provided
(one for each window)

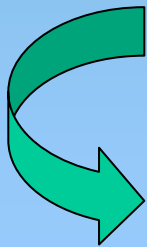
Linear correlation analysis

Variable to be explained:

- daily minima of temperature
(17th of July and 5th of August)

Explanatory variables:

- solar energy
- PVI and NDVI
- elevation

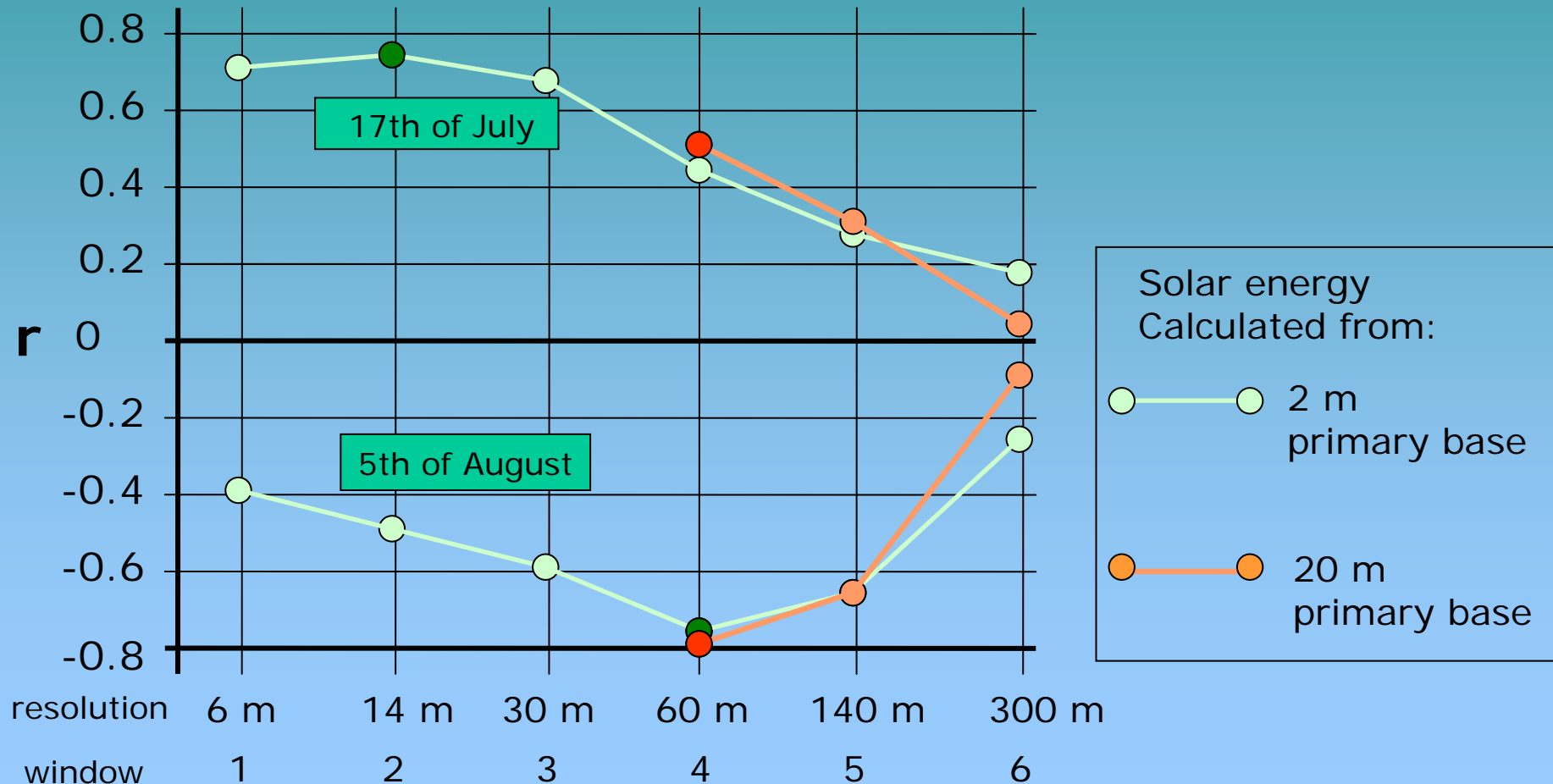


One coefficient of correlation for each date, each explanatory variable, each window

4. Results

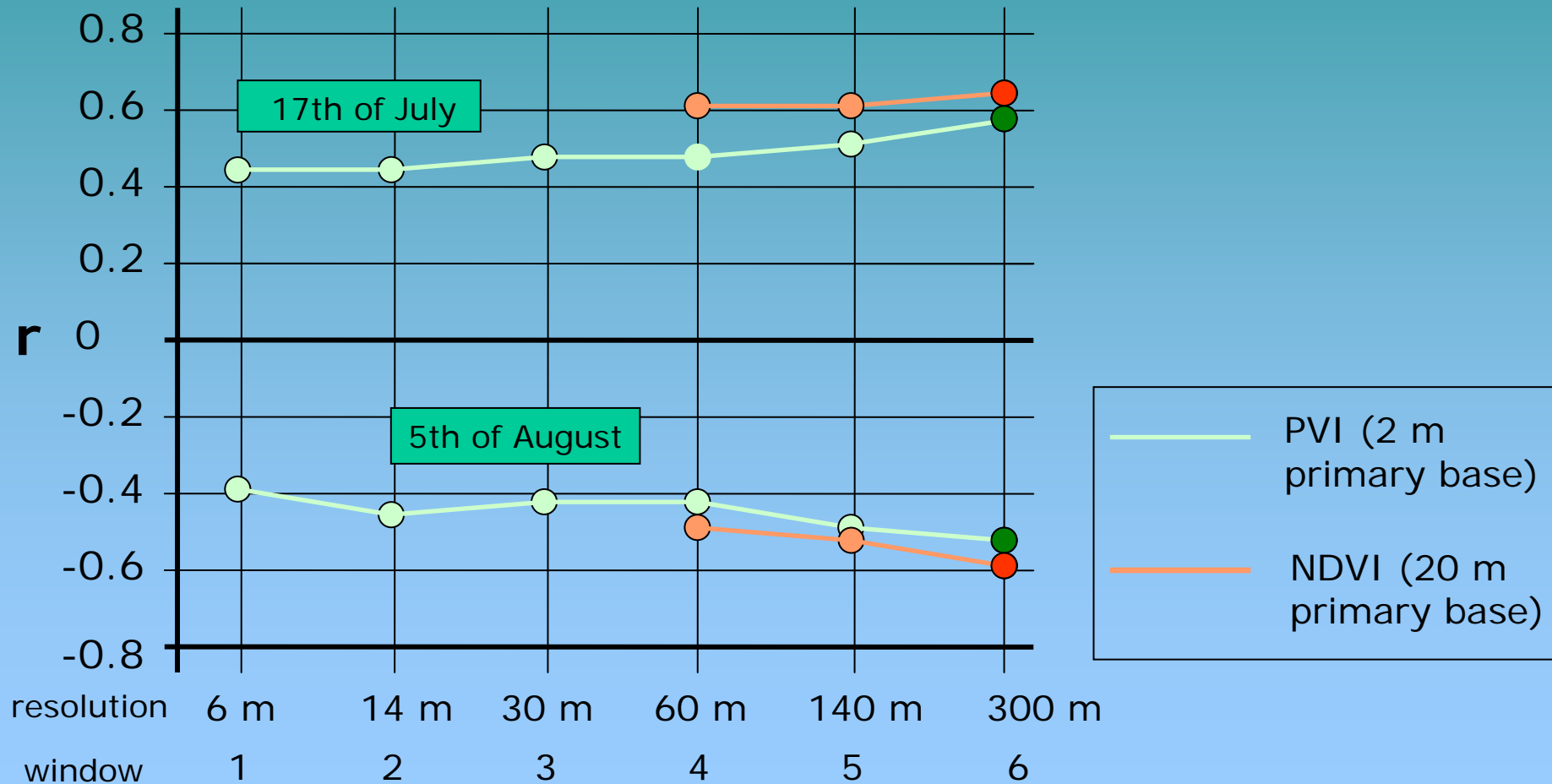
linear correlation analysis

applied to Solar energy



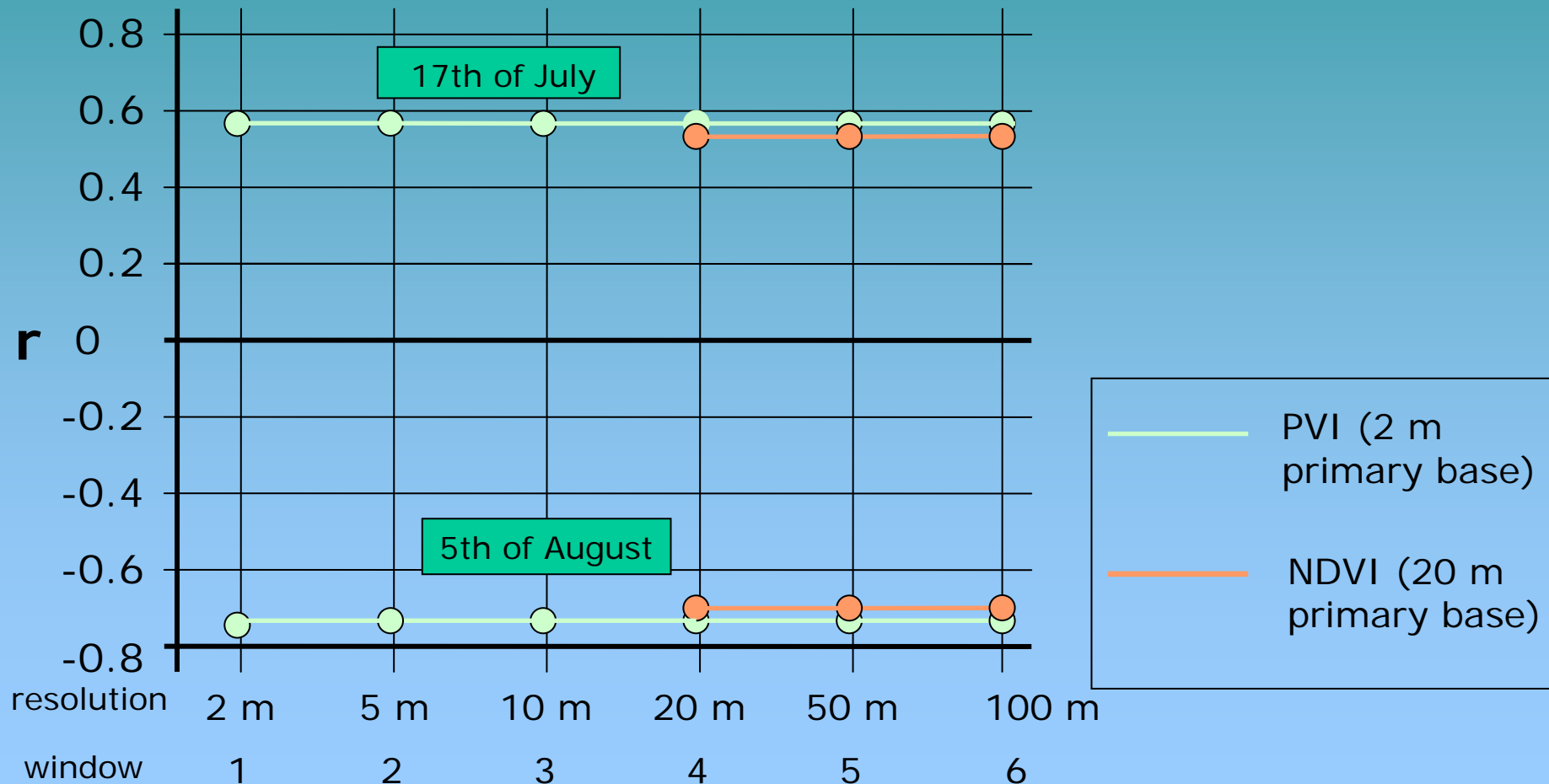
linear correlation analysis

applied to vegetation indices



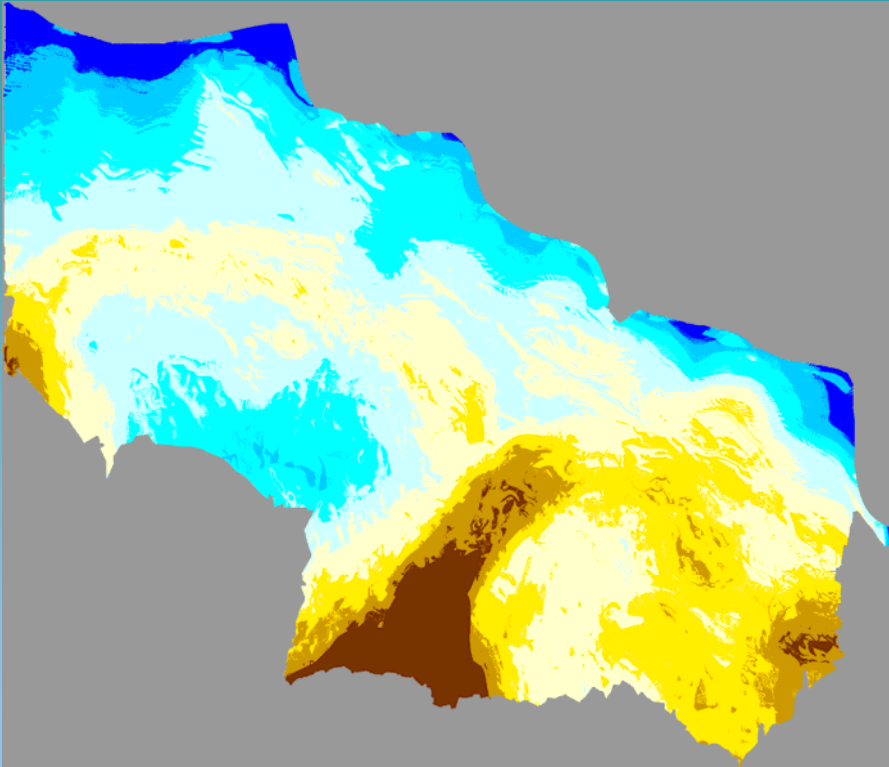
linear correlation analysis

applied to altitude



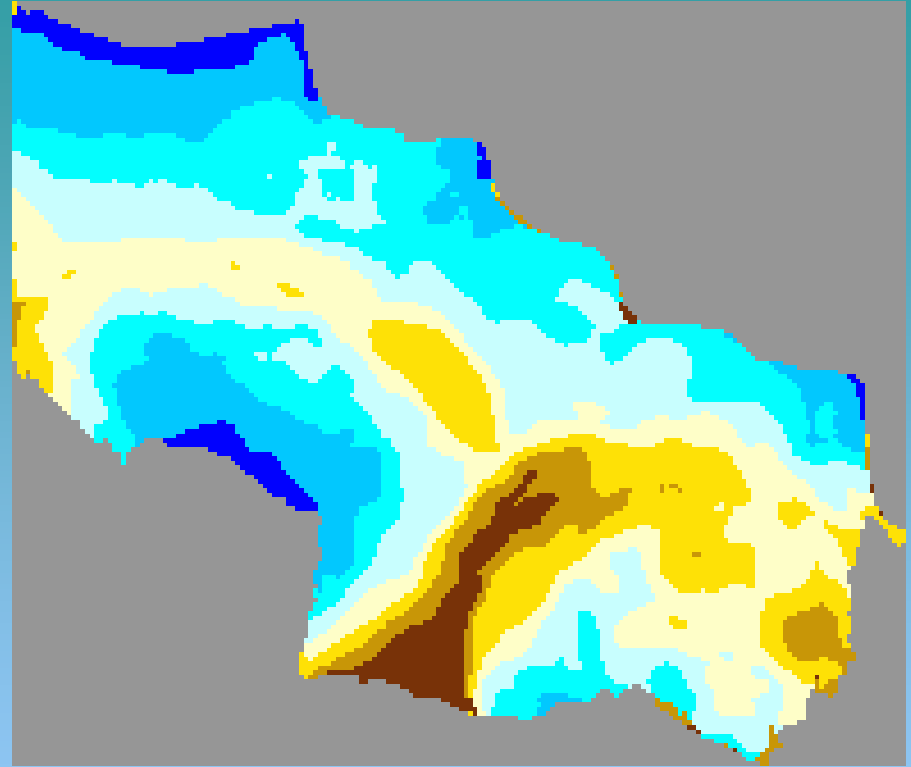
Temperature map

17th of July



2 m resolution

$$\text{Temp} = f(g1, se2, e1, PVI6, PrxFj)$$



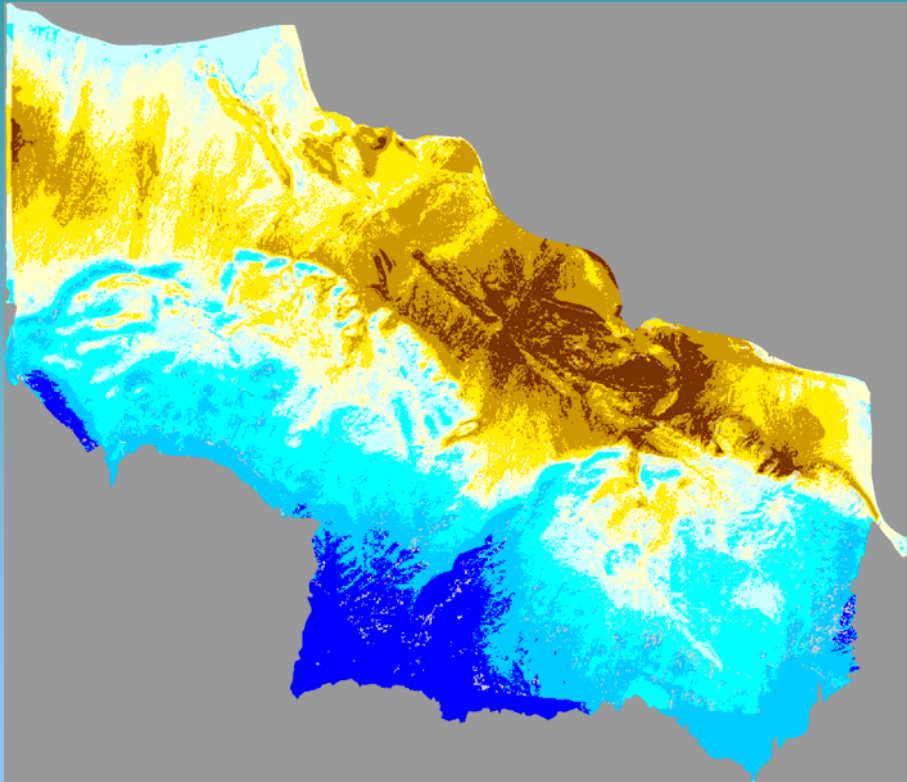
20 m resolution

$$\text{Temp} = f(g4, se4, e4, PVI6, PrxFj)$$

**g=gradient, se=solar energy, e=elevation,
Pvi=probability to belonging a 100% vegetated area Index
PrxFj=proximity to the fjord**

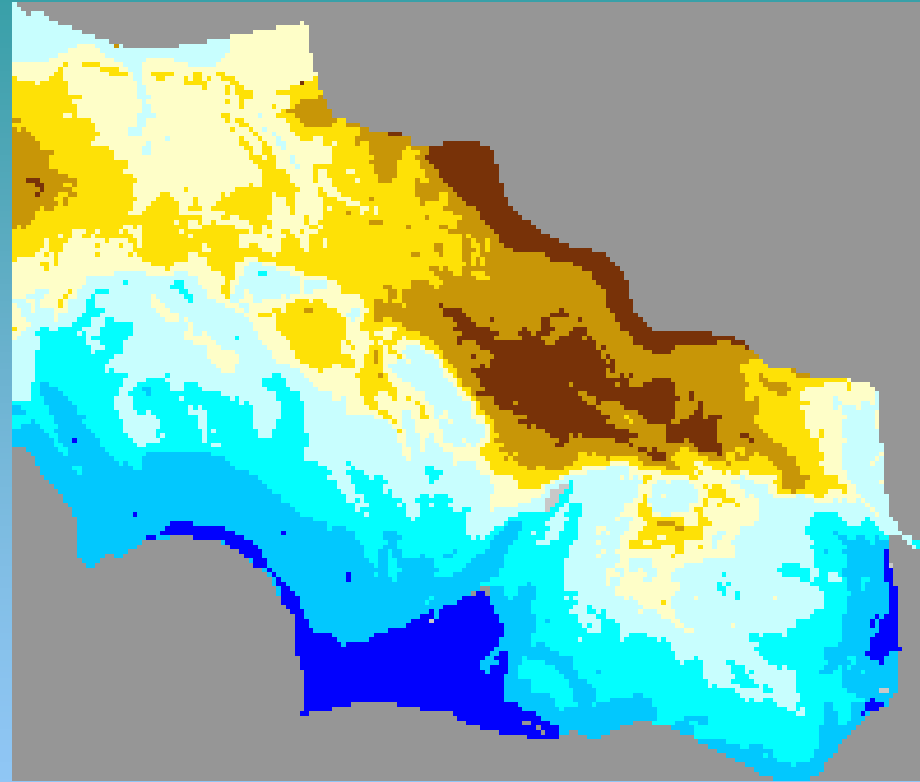
Temperature map

5th of August



2 m resolution

$$\text{Temp} = f(\text{se4}, \text{e1}, \text{g3}, \text{NDVI6})$$



20 m resolution

$$\text{Temp} = f(\text{se4}, \text{e4}, \text{g4}, \text{NDVI6})$$

g=gradient, se=solar energy, e=elevation

Conclusions

The highest coefficient on each curve marks the optimum scale level; it varies in value and place according to the variables.

The results from the both primary DTM are similar.

NDVI (satellite image) provides better results than PVI (Infrared aerial photography).

Temperature distribution modelling is optimum when using usual data sources such as satellite images and DTM available for wide areas.